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Gold rush

From Best Actress to Best Picture, there are sure winners and sure losers in the Oscars. — SEE VARIETY A8

Wave goodbye

Knights blow lead late in loss to Tulane on Wednesday — SEE SPORTS, A6

THE THREATDOWN

AND I'M PROUD TO BE AN AMERICONE

Jerry Garcia, Phish and ... Stephen Colbert? Comedy Central's faux-host has his name on Ben and Jerry's newest flavor, Americone Dream. Colbert sought to balance out dessert's "well-known liberal agenda" with his flavor, which is vanilla ice cream with waffle cone pieces.



ANIMALS

A SQUIRREL IN THE WIRING? AW, NUTS

A flight from Tokyo to Dallas made an emergency landing in Honolulu after pilots heard an animal scurrying above the cockpit. The area is full of wires essential to the functioning of the plane, and the pilots were worried the animal, a squirrel, would chew through them. The squirrel was killed in Honolulu.



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LATE KNIGHTS TO HAVE 'GLOBAL GETDOWN' THEME TONIGHT

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LOCAL & STATE, A2

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NATION & WORLD, A4

CAR BOMBS KILL FOUR AS U.S., IRAQI SECURITY FORCES BOLSTERED

U.S. and Iraqi forces expanded a security sweep to a southern Baghdad neighborhood Thursday, but suspected Sunni insurgents struck back with car bombs that killed four people.

Sherlock Notes: case closed

JESSICA LINDBLAD
Staff Writer

Attention students: the use of note packets sold by the note-taking service Sherlock Notes is not in violation of the Golden Rule. And with mid-terms quickly approaching, students can use the packets as a study aid without feeling threatened by professors.

"We cannot stop students from buying anything," Alison Morrison-Shetlar, interim dean of undergraduate studies at UCF, said.

"They may use any kind of resource."

To clear up the confusion, a new suggested statement for a class syllabus was recently posted on a UCF faculty resource Web site. The statement reads: "Third parties are selling class notes and other materials from this class without my authorization. Please be aware that such class materials may contain errors, which could affect your performance or grade. Use these materials

PLEASE SEE SHERLOCK ON A3

IN THE GOLDEN RULE

Commercial use of academic material is a form of cheating: "Selling notes, handouts, etc. without authorization or using them for any commercial purpose without the express written permission of the University and the instructor is a violation of this rule."

Web site looking to keep SGA honest by blogging

SGA Watchdog gets SGA's attention inside 2 months of launch

ROBYN SIDERSKY
Staff Writer

In the midst of the SGA presidential elections, some students have felt that the inner workings of SGA aren't publicized enough to students.

Junior political science major Casey Nesselhauf took matters into his own hands and founded www.SGAWatchdog.com.

"If you've been around awhile, and you've seen SGA elections, everyone talks about getting students involved, and a Web site is the best way to get 47,000 students involved in the process," Nesselhauf said.

SGA Watchdog functions as a blog-style site that includes announcements regarding SGA, full accounts of the weekly Senate meetings and opinion pieces.

"I don't think people should depend on just one news source," Nesselhauf said.

The site's staff of six students, all friends of Nesselhauf, have majors ranging from education to political science.

"None of us are journalism majors, and that's giving us problems already," Nesselhauf said.

The site was discovered after only three weeks of being available to students.

"It's hard that we were discovered three weeks in, so there's only three weeks of reporting," Nesselhauf said. But eventually, SGA and hopefully students will come to view the Web site as a credible source for news.

According to the site's mission statement, SGA Watchdog claims to uphold journalistic integrity, remain an objective party by avoiding tangling alliances with the student government association and the UCF administration and serve as an intermediary for grassroots discussions among the general public.

Nesselhauf told the *Future* that the site is still experimenting with different writing styles while trying to avoid bias and produce fair coverage.

Nesselhauf said that fair news cannot always be balanced news.

When asked his opinion of publications like the *Future*, Nesselhauf was careful to point out the difference.

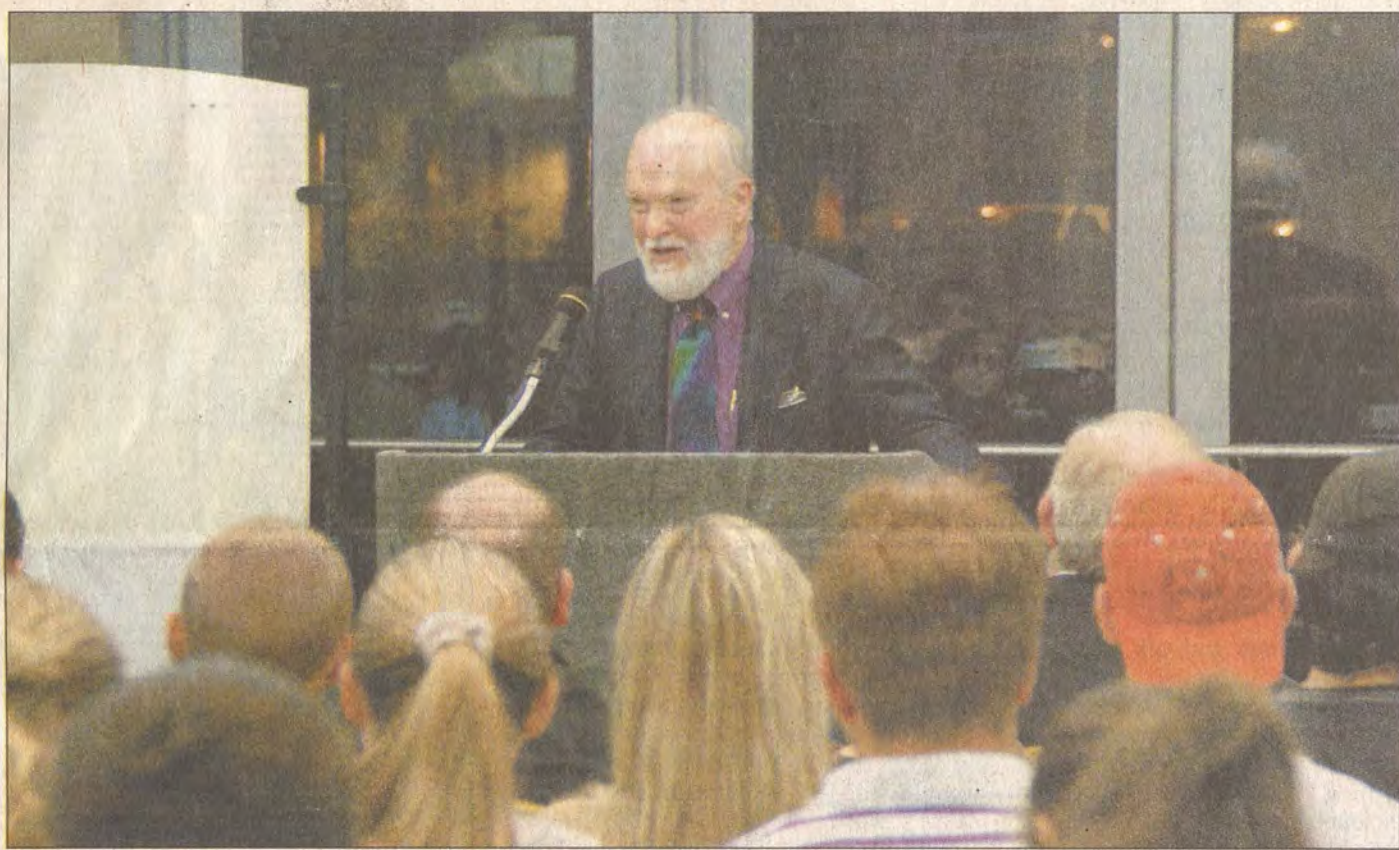
"The *Future* is a newspaper, and this is a blog. The medium is different," Nesselhauf said.

Not only did Nesselhauf not plan for the site to be discovered in its infancy, but he didn't expect the word to spread throughout SGA so quickly.

PLEASE SEE SENATOR ON A5

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FORUM

LIFE OR DEATH



Hugo Bedau, professor emeritus at Tufts University, spoke Monday on capital punishment in the United States. He believes the death penalty should be abolished.

Tufts professor argues against death sentences

BART ZINO
Staff Writer

The death penalty has been a contentious issue for a number of years, but one prominent expert says it's not just wrong — it's on its way out the door.

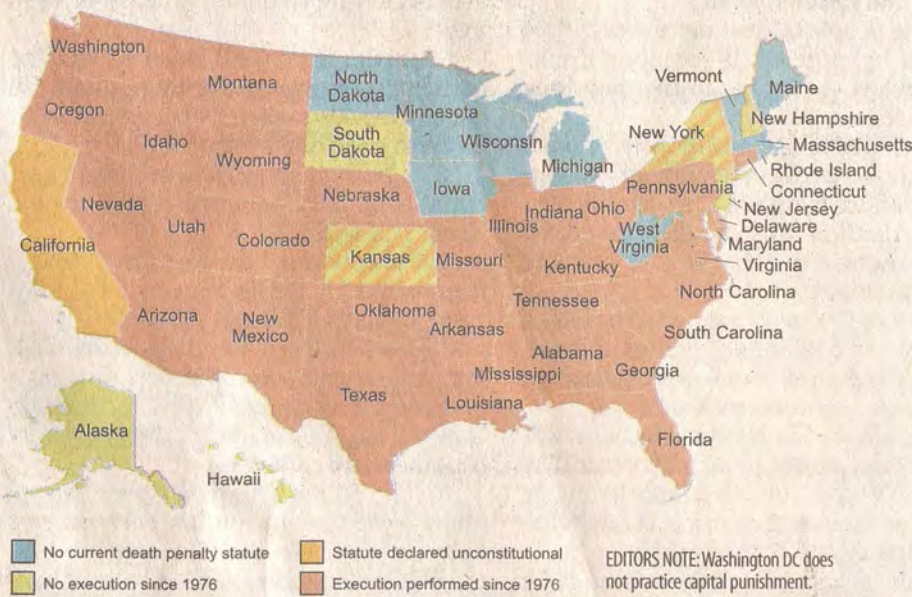
"The defense of the death penalty is in trouble," Hugo Bedau said.

Bedau, professor emeritus of philosophy at Tufts University, is a leading scholar and vocal opponent of the death penalty who has spent decades studying the moral and legal issues of capital punishment. On Monday, he shared his thoughts and research with UCF students and faculty at the Fairwinds Alumni Center and concluded that the death penalty should be abolished.

Bedau, who described himself as an "atheistic humanist," took a philosophical approach to the issue rather than going into specific details of the legal system.

To make his point, Bedau first intro-

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN THE UNITED STATES



— INFO SOURCE: DEATH PENALTY INFORMATION CENTER

duced some statistics from the 1990s. He used those numbers to point out a large gap between the annual average amount of homicides each year and the number of people who actually received the death penalty for committing those crimes.

On average, he said, there were 18,000 homicides per year in the U.S.,

but only 12,000 resulted in an arrest. Of that 12,000, a bare fraction resulted in a death sentence, and even less were actually put to death.

"This is unquestionably the most controversial part of the factual discussion between friends and oppo-

PLEASE SEE CAPITAL ON A5

UCF pedestrian mall to be central spot for year-round activity

BECKY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

No ribbon was cut with golden scissors. No crowd gathered as the first shovel dug into the ground. Without fanfare, the UCF Physical Plant broke ground Feb. 1 on the pedestrian mall toward Gemini Boulevard across from the new Convoca-

tion Center.

"The mall's a really exciting project for me because every great institution, every great university, has a mall," said Dick Paradise, director of the UCF Physical Plant.

UCF's pedestrian mall is a large lawn in front of the Convocation Center. Benches and oak trees will contour three

grassy sections, along with 16-foot-wide sidewalks. The open, shady area will provide students with a central hub for year-round activities, such as football games and open-air concerts.

The mall is also being built with a concert-worthy power supply. At its conception, the Physical Plant decided to outfit

the mall with its own transformer. Under all the benches will be outlets that supply 1,000 amps of power each — more than enough for whatever concert or event is held there.

"I think it'd be a great selling point or asset to the school for future students because it gives

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MALL

Having its own transformer, the mall will be outfitted with outlets that supply 1,000 amps of power each sufficient for concerts and events.

Benches, oak trees and 16-foot-wide sidewalks will surround three large grassy areas, providing a shady lawn for impromptu football games and open-air concerts.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



PARTLY CLOUDY
56° 33°
HIGH LOW

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Late Knights

Late Knights will be held today at the Student Union from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The theme for tonight's event will be "Global Getdown" and the event will feature several cultural events and activities.

The Islanders, a steel drum ensemble, will perform, and there will be free food and prizes.

Students who bring their student ID will be able to get LINK Loot.

For more information, contact Jeremi Cheek at ucflk@mail.ucf.edu.

UCF Concert Band concert

The UCF Concert Band will hold a concert on Sunday from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building auditorium.

The concert will be led by the band's director, Ron Ellis.

For more information, contact Ron Ellis at 407-823-6749.

Open Mic Knight

The Campus Activities Board Comedy and Variety committees will host Open Mic Knight today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Wackadoo's in the Student Union.

The event is open to everyone to come and share their talent, whether it's comedy, beat box, poetry or acoustic music.

Open Mic Knight will be held every Monday during the semester.

For more information, contact Mike Newman at 407-823-6471.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

British developer faces charges of visa fraud, held without bond

ORLANDO — A British developer is being held without bond in the Orange County Jail after being charged with conspiracy to commit visa fraud, jail officials said Tuesday.

Michael "Mick" Leggett appeared in federal court Monday. Federal agents arrested him Saturday at his home.

An investigation turned up forged signatures, nonexistent addresses and cases of visa fraud dating back to December 2001, the criminal complaint said.

From March 2004 to April 2005, Leggett's company submitted visa applications and supporting documents on behalf of 16 British investors, court papers said.

The investors paid as much as \$150,000 each to be set up in a home-building business that would enable them to get a visa, the criminal complaint said.

A visa permits a traveler to enter the United States for a specific purpose, such as work or tourism.

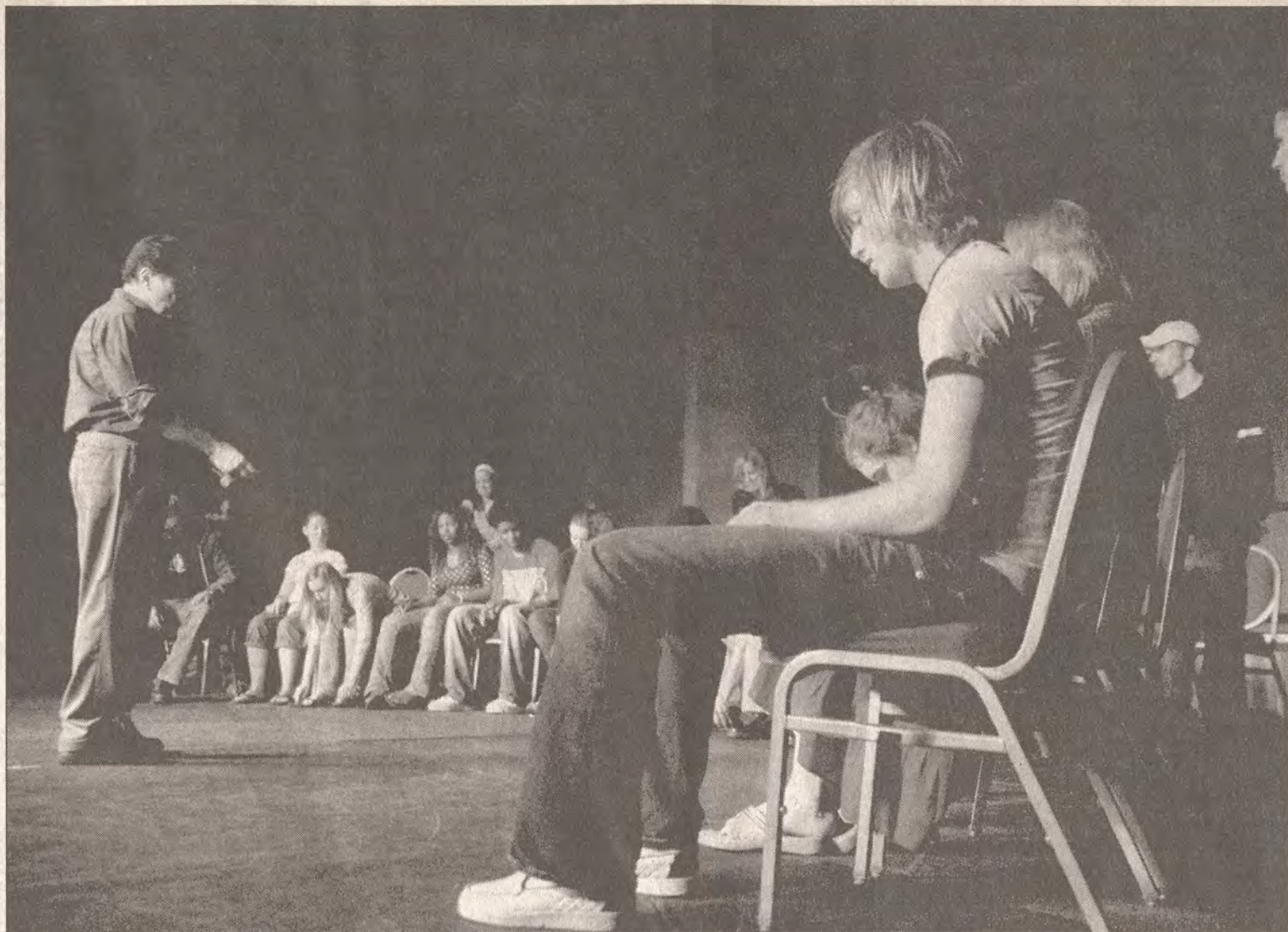
It was not immediately known whether Leggett had an attorney.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. State Department would not comment on the case, nor would a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

PLEASE SEE **LOCAL** ON A4

LET US KNOW

The *Future* wants to hear from you! If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to 407-447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@ucfnews.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Friday for the Monday edition, 5 p.m. Monday for the Wednesday edition, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for the Friday edition.



YOU ARE GETTING VERY SLEEPY

Hypnotist Tom DeLuca fuels his show with the creativity of volunteers' minds

TYLER GILLESPIE
Staff Writer

Hypnotized volunteers who believed they were spies and body-shaking contestants lined the stage Tuesday night in the Pegasus Ballroom as CAB Comedy & Variety presented *An Evening with Hypnotist Tom DeLuca*.

DeLuca's routine utilized the imagination and creativity of his volunteers. By putting them into a relaxed state, free of the pressures surrounding proper social constraint, they were able to overcome mental hindrances.

"You just do things, and you don't feel shy," said hypnosis volunteer Anshonae Mills. "I don't know how to explain it. It's like you are not completely there."

"I remember some things about it, but not everything," said Mills, an 18-year-old forensic science major.

DeLuca compared a state of minor hypnosis to an intense daydream.

He kept a sharp eye on the participants, having anyone who he thought was not completely hypnotized or faking escorted off the stage. The night began with 20 volunteers and finished with 16.

"Some people are just more susceptible to being hypnotized. If someone thinks that they are not going to be, then they won't," DeLuca said.

American Pacific University, a nationally-recognized leader in hypnotherapy education, defines hypnosis as a scientifically-proven method that is able to create desired changes in behavior and promote mental wellbeing.

This state may be accomplished through various induction techniques, such as fixed gaze, progressive relaxation and mental confusion methods.

Throughout his routine, DeLuca was able to convince the participants that they were milking a cow, listening to music from their shoes and entering a bodybuilding competition.

When asked why she should be crowned the winner of the bodybuilding contest, Mills yelled out, "I work hard for

the money."

Such outbursts and antics from the participants kept the crowd roaring with laughter.

"Because of an advanced state, it seemed like they [volunteers] lacked inhibition," said Eric Newton, 19, a computer science and creative writing double-major. "It was natural, and they were not afraid."

Highlights of the night included a participant giving CPR to an apple and another believing that she was an alien who had left her baby on a bus. DeLuca instructed the volunteer to tell her story in her native tongue, an indecipherable dialect. Another hypnotized participant acted as her translator, somehow understanding the language she spoke.

"The reason you had so much fun tonight was not because of me," DeLuca said. "It was because of the volunteers."

DeLuca's talent awed even trained professionals in the audience.

"He was excellent. He had a great ability to coordinate a lot of people and continually talk to them," said certified hypnotist Susan Dill, 52. "I liked how he had it set up and made sure that the participants were safe."

Members from CAB stood behind the participants to ensure that they did not fall out of their seats when DeLuca commanded them to go into a deep sleep.

"I've been at shows where those being hypnotized have slumped right onto the floor," Dill said.

Tuesday was not the first time DeLuca has visited UCF. His trips to UCF have been a tradition for over 15 years.

DeLuca's fame extends to more than just college campuses. He performs hypnosis in the corporate world to promote power naps and help businessmen become more confident.

Rolling Stone, *The Wall Street Journal* and *People* have given his performance rave reviews. He has also appeared on *Good Morning America* and has been honored with the title of National Association for Campus Activities Variety Entertainer



PHOTOS BY NIGEL GRAY / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE
Top: Hypnotist Tom DeLuca tells his hypnotized volunteers what actions they will perform next. Above: A hypnotized volunteer leaps in the air, showing the audience what he believes to be the "new" UCF theme dance.

of the Year.

DeLuca earned a master's in psychology from the University of Illinois before deciding to make a career of hypnosis and performing.

The next CAB production will be the Spring Comedy Fest on March 6 in the Pegasus Ballroom at 8 p.m. The event will feature the Christian Finnegan *Two for Flinch Tour* with special guests Greg Giraldo, Zach Galifianakis and Nick Thune. Student ID is required for admission.

LOCAL WEATHER



Today

PARTLY CLOUDY

High: 56° Low: 33°

TODAY IN DETAIL

Today: Mainly sunny in the afternoon after early-morning clouds. Winds west-northwest at 15 to 25 mph. Tonight: Temperature drops sharply as remaining clouds clear. Winds northwest at 10 to 20 mph.



Saturday

SUNNY

High: 61°

Low: 45°

Sunday

PARTLY CLOUDY

High: 60°

Low: 37°

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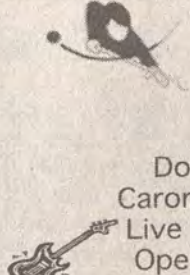


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Notes can't fix all course questions

FROM A1

at your own risk."

Morrison-Shetlar said the concern stems from the possibility of inaccurate information in the notes, and then students would be "paying tuition to take a course and then paying money for materials that are incorrect."

So if using these note packets doesn't violate the Golden Rule, why do some professors still have a problem with them?

According to Morrison-Shetlar, the clause in the Golden Rule that prohibits selling class notes still does apply. Furthermore, some professors are still concerned about the violation of intellectual property rights and copyright protections.

Recently, a UCF professor told his students about a supposed pending lawsuit between the textbook publishing company Pearson Publishing and Sherlock Notes. He warned that any student found in possession of a note packet would face expulsion and possible legal action. Because of this, students began to wonder if buying the note packets was worth the possible consequences.

"I had students approaching me and asking whether or not the packets were illegal," Chris Nase, the creator of Sherlock Notes, said. "When I found out about the lawsuit, I had my attorney call Pearson Publishing

because I hadn't heard of one. [Pearson Publishing] said they had purchased the notes and there was nothing illegal about them and the lawsuit was absolutely not true. These notes are 100 percent legal."

Unlike some professors at UCF, Francis Martin Jr., whose History of Western Art II class notes are sold by Sherlock Notes, likes the idea of students using prepared note packets.

"I thought it was clever," Martin said. "I bought a pack of notes for my class to see what the big deal was, and I liked them. I had Chris come talk to my classes, and I told the kids to buy [the notes]. It's a great outline for the material."

That has been Nase's intention from the beginning — to create an outline of class material to help prepare for a test, not an excuse for students to skip class.

"Students are paying for their classes, and it's their choice whether or not they go," he said. "But our packets don't help students if they don't go. The packets are there for students who don't take good notes or who want to pay attention to the professor. We don't publish pictures shown in class, so students need to go to see things like that."

Martin agrees that the notes are supplementary, if students don't go to class they will miss vital information not contained in the note packets.

"It is a good learning tool because

[my class] has a tremendous amount of information," he said. "Buying the notes is like buying the textbook. At the end of the day, they have to learn the material themselves. The notes aren't going to pass the test for them."

Shelby is a junior majoring in studio art who wishes to keep her last name private because she doesn't want to get in trouble for taking the notes. She became a note taker for Martin's History of Western Art II class in the fall of 2006. She thinks the notes are a beneficial learning tool as well.

"Professors are annoyed that students don't come to class," she said. "They think that students are taking the easy way out by buying the notes. But it is a good way for students to get the notes if they miss class once in a while."

Shelby used her note-taking responsibilities as motivation to attend class and make better grades.

"I knew someone was expecting me to go to class and take notes," she said. "When I was forced to be there, it helped my grade. It was a good thing for the students but also for me as a note taker."

Although Nase is still continuing to face scrutiny about Sherlock Notes, there is one thought that keeps him going: "Even though there are people who don't agree with the notes, there are a lot that really love these things," he said.

VALENTINE'S DAY SINGING GRAMS WARM HEARTS



AMANDA MOORE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Brothers of the Phi Mu Alpha fraternity pulled Jessica Brown out of work Wednesday at the Registrar's Office in Millican Hall for a singing telegram. The singing was so loud it echoed through the halls and elicited several others to come out of their offices to see what was happening.

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Scholarships will be awarded to the best Showcase projects.

For more information regarding eligibility, the online application process, and selection criteria, please visit showcase.ucf.edu or call the Office of Undergraduate Studies, 407-823-2373.

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Clear presentation of results/ product/outcome or expected outcome
Details about the project are presented in an organized, fresh, and thoughtful manner. Mastery of the subject is evident. The project can be understood by both someone knowledgeable in the field and also by a reasonably informed non-specialist.

Progress on project to date
Project is complete or can be completed in a reasonable amount of time.

Contribution to the field or discussion of potential impact
There is an explanation of the significance or use of the project; of why the project was or is worth doing; or of what new knowledge, understanding, or insight will be or was gained.

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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

Elderly driver crashes into DMV building injuring at least 11

DEERFIELD BEACH — An 80-year-old woman crashed her car into a driver's license bureau Wednesday, injuring 11 people, police said.

Seven people were transported to area hospitals, Florida Highway Patrol Sgt. Mark Wysocky said. The injuries were not life threatening.

The office was open for business when the crash occurred, the state's department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Wednesday reported.

Therese M. Smith, of Boca Raton, drove her 1990 Mercury Grand Marquis onto a covered area in front of the building but did not actually damage the structure, Fire Division Chief Gary Fernaays said.

Man found not guilty of making written threats to judges

JACKSONVILLE — Jurors accepted a man's testimony Wednesday that two e-mails he sent to judges were harmless rants about his child custody battle, not threats to kill or injure them or their families.

The six-member jury deliberated two hours before finding Patrick Cahill not guilty of two counts of making written threats.

Cahill, 43, of Saraland, Ala., was arrested in March 2005 on a 14-count felony indictment for stalking and sending written and e-mail death threats to three county court judges in Jacksonville.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Former USF professor al-Arian on hunger strike, hospitalized

McLEAN, Va. — A former university professor who pleaded guilty last year to supporting a Palestinian terror group was transferred to a medical prison as he entered the fourth week of a hunger strike.

Sami al-Arian, 49, a former computer science professor at the University of South Florida, began the hunger strike Jan. 22 to protest efforts to force him to testify in front of a grand jury investigating a cluster of Muslim charities in northern Virginia.

U.S. marshals transferred al-Arian on Wednesday from the Northern Neck Regional Jail in Warsaw, Va., to a federal medical prison in Butner, N.C.

Nikki Credic, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Marshals Service, confirmed al-Arian is on a hunger strike and said prison officials have been monitoring his health daily.

The transfer occurred after prosecutors obtained an under-seal court order late last week approving it, al-Arian's lawyer said. Prosecutors sought the transfer because of the hunger strike, though al-Arian's lawyers said the real motivation was to move al-Arian to a more isolated location.

UMass arrests 12 more students for involvement in Dec. riot

AMHERST, Mass. — The University of Massachusetts arrested 12 more students that campus police say were involved in a Dec. 15 riot following the school's national football title loss to Appalachian State.

The students face charges of rioting, disorderly conduct and failure to disperse in Eastern Hampshire District Court, said university spokesman Ed Blaguszewski.

Following UMass's 28-17 loss to Appalachian State in the NCAA Division I-AA football championship, rioters lit small fires, smashed windows and threw beer bottles, and even bicycles at officers and police horses, Blaguszewski said.

Officials said the riot caused more than \$100,000 in damage to the Amherst campus.

UMass has brought criminal charges against 23 people, including 22 students.

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A man stands amid cars destroyed in a car bomb blast in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday. The bombs struck a neighborhood, killing at least four civilians and wounding 15, police said.

U.S., Iraqi forces increase security plan in Baghdad; car bombs kill 4

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi forces expanded a security sweep to a southern Baghdad neighborhood Thursday, but suspected Sunni insurgents struck back with car bombs that killed four people. British troops sealed off the southern city of Basra and closed two border crossings to choke off what the Americans say are weapons from Iran.

Helicopters buzzed overhead as a joint U.S.-Iraqi force headed into the Dora neighborhood — a longtime Sunni militant area — on the second day of the operation, according to Iraqi officials. U.S. troops searched three Shiite areas Wednesday, meeting little resistance in house-to-house searches.

Defying the operation, two parked car bombs struck Dora near a major intersection with a highway leading to Shiite areas in the south, killing at least four civilians and wounding 15, police said. Oranges and other fruit from stalls at a nearby market were scattered among debris near the charred cars.

The blasts occurred about 80 yards from an Iraqi checkpoint on the southern edge of the district as patrols were passing, but no Iraqi forces were reported hurt.

U.S. and Iraqi forces also detained several suspects in a raid targeting a Mahdi Army militia cell accused of sectarian kidnappings and killings, as well as roadside bomb attacks, in Mahru, near Suwayrah, 25 miles south of Baghdad, the military said.

Two Koreas to resume high-level talks after nuclear deal

SEOUL, South Korea — The two Koreas will hold high-level talks later this month, officials said Thursday, in the first concrete sign of easing tensions on the divided peninsula after the North signed a breakthrough nuclear disarmament agreement.

North Korea's top envoy to six-nation talks on his country's nuclear program also said Pyongyang is ready to implement the disarmament agreement, which was reached earlier this week, Japan's Kyodo News agency said.

The Cabinet-level talks between the two Koreas will be held in Pyongyang from Feb. 27 to March 2, according to a joint statement adopted at a lower-level meeting in the North Korean border city of Kaesong.

South and North Korea have held 19 high-level meetings since 2000, but they have been suspended for seven months amid chilled relations following North Korea's missile launches in July and its first-ever nuclear test in October.

The meetings could lead to a resumption of the regular delivery of rice and fertilizer to the communist nation. South Korea suspended its aid after the July missile tests.

The disarmament pact reached Tuesday among the two Koreas, China, Japan, Russia and the United States is worth about \$250 million in aid at current prices.

It requires North Korea to seal its main nuclear reactor, allow international inspections and begin accounting for other nuclear programs within 60 days. Within that time, more talks are planned on ending the hostilities between North Korea and the U.S. and Japan.

In return, North Korea will receive 50,000 tons of heavy fuel oil, a modest down pay-

ment on a promised 1 million tons in oil or aid of a similar value if it ultimately disarms. One million tons of oil is more than two-thirds of North Korea's entire oil consumption in 2004, according to the CIA Factbook.

Democrats turn attention to troop funding, equipment

WASHINGTON — Republicans seeking to defend President Bush's troop buildup in Iraq tapped military veterans among their own ranks as floor debate leaders Thursday as Democrats relished likely victory in their fight for a resolution opposing Bush's policy.

Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas, a prisoner of war in Vietnam, took the lead among GOP speakers on the third day of debate on a resolution disapproving the addition of 21,500 U.S. troops to the fight.

The resolution is nonbinding, but Democrats already are turning to the more consequential debate next month over Bush's request for nearly \$100 billion more for the war, a request that promises to become a new battleground over his Iraq policy.

The House was to continue debating the measure Thursday, with a vote Friday, when it was expected to pass.

The resolution picked up steam Wednesday after more than six House Republicans said they would vote for it.

Republican Sens. Olympia Snowe of Maine and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, who oppose sending additional troops, said Wednesday they would oppose adjourning for next week's recess until the Senate is able to debate the issue.

Frigid weather helps push jobless claims up; highest in 17 months

WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits jumped last week by the largest amount in 17 months, reflecting in part an increase in layoffs due to frigid winter weather.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that jobless claims rose to 357,000 last week, the highest level since late November. The increase of 44,000 claims from the previous week was the biggest one-week increase since Sept. 10, 2005, when claims soared in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina hitting the Gulf Coast.

The four-week moving average for claims rose to 326,250 last week, the highest level in nine weeks and an indication that conditions in the job market have softened.

Part of the increase in jobless claims last week was due to a blast of frigid weather in the Midwest and Northeast, which triggered higher layoffs in such industries as construction.

Many analysts believe that the unemployment rate, which edged up from 4.5 percent to 4.6 percent in January, will keep rising to perhaps a peak of 5 percent later this year as the economy slows under the impact of previous credit-tightening by the Federal Reserve.

The Fed pushed a key interest rate up from a 46-year low of 1 percent to the current 5.25 percent during a two-year period, with the last rate hike occurring in June 2006.

Many analysts believe the Fed is on the verge of achieving its hoped-for soft landing in which growth slows enough to lower inflation pressures without triggering a recession.

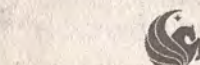
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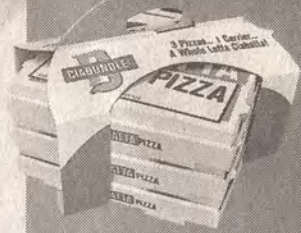
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Senator applauds Web site despite its misquote

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"Some people have been really receptive, excited to see a student take the initiative, and some people are holding back, waiting for the long term," Nesselhauf said.

As young as the site is, it's already run into an issue with misquoting a senator.

In an entry titled "Common Courtesy," posted on Jan. 14 about the Jan. 11 Senate meeting, the site misquoted Sen. Andrew Johnson.

The site summarized Johnson questioning a nominee appointed by President Mark White to fill a judicial seat.

Instead of accurately quoting Johnson and his responses to the candidate, the site inserted editorialized comments while misquoting Johnson.

"He portrayed me as pretty chauvinistic. I figured what he said was libel. It was misquoted," Johnson said.

Johnson, as well as his allies in the Senate, approached Nesselhauf directly about the error.

"I changed it within an hour of him telling me, but that one word made the difference," Nesselhauf said. "I hope that demonstrates my willingness to work with people. If you have stats and facts, point them out to me — and Sen. Johnson did that, pointed it out to me."

Despite the error, Johnson doesn't hold a grudge against Nesselhauf and the site.

"I applaud SGA Watchdog for what they do. I feel it provides everyone, especially the students, a legislative outlook to the workings of our university," Johnson said.

Johnson also stressed that he was afraid SGA Watchdog would mislead and misinterpret the Senate.

"On top of applauding SGA Watchdog, the malfunction that comes along with SGA Watchdog is misquoting others throughout Senate that may give students the wrong impression about leaders that are helping their campus," Johnson said.

Other senators share Johnson's sentiments.

"I think it's a good idea just because there are students interested in student government and the importance of upholding the integrity," Sen. Andrick Lewis said. "As long as the information presented is true and unbiased this could provide an exceptional tool for both student government and students alike."

"I want you to be as informed as you can," Nesselhauf said.

In addition to his posts, Nesselhauf has links to the SGA Web site, the Future's Web site, the UCF Web site and the UCF News and Information page on the UCF Web site.

When asked if Nesselhauf felt he was competing with campus news sources such as the Future, he was quick to say he wasn't.

"The Future is limited with column inches — we're not. The goal isn't to push the Future aside, but to give students an avenue to express their thoughts and ideas," Nesselhauf said. "We can't touch the Future's history."

Nesselhauf says being discovered during the time of elections was a coincidence and that it wasn't planned that way.

"We were hoping to be quiet during the elections. We wanted a soft opening first," Nesselhauf said. "The word spread quickly, and now all of SGA knows. It was one of those things, being discovered early."

The future of the site is dependent on the feedback, Nesselhauf said.

"We've just gotten our foot in the door with the legislative branch, and every good thing starts somewhere," Nesselhauf said.



Zachary Kirkpatrick, a philosophy and Spanish double major, speaks during "The Future of Capital Punishment," the first installment of a larger debate on the death penalty. The event was presented by the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies.

Capital punishment foes can't reach an agreement

FROM A1

nents of the death penalty," he said.

It's controversial because arguments both for and against the death penalty are so different. Supporters say it helps society rid itself of the worst of the worst, while opponents criticize it as a form of cruel and unusual punishment.

Dr. Pamala Griset, interim chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, said the low numbers might also suggest another weakness of the system: Death penalty recipients are selected randomly.

Bedau said that these opposing viewpoints make it difficult for anyone to reach a common ground. But, he said, he tried to bridge those differences by establishing three premises that he felt both sides could agree on.

The first was that society seeks to punish those who break the law.

"It's crucial that it's true for this whole discussion. We're talking about justifiable modes of punishment for various kinds of armed cause," he said, rather than strictly capital punishment.

The second point was that the death penalty, no matter how one feels about it, is more violent than a life sentence.

Lastly, he said, the death penalty is not always necessary. But, if it is not used, some sort of alternative is needed in order for justice to prevail.

Based on these premises, he concluded, the death penalty ought to be abolished.

During the question-and-answer session that followed, he also tackled less philosophical issues, like how much enforcing the death

penalty actually costs.

"It costs far more to keep somebody behind bars on death row than it does to keep prisoners within the general prison population," he said.

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— HUGO BEDAU
TUFTS UNIV. PROFESSOR EMERITUS

"From a moral and philosophical perspective, I think he's absolutely correct," Griset said, but she expressed doubt that from a legal perspective much is going to change soon.

Statistics from the Death Penalty Information Center suggest otherwise. The DPIC, a non-profit organization that researches issues pertaining to capital punishment, said in its 2006 report that the number of executions dropped from 60 to 53 between 2005 and 2006. However, in Florida, the number of executions actually increased from one to four.

Bedau's speech comes at a time when the future of Florida's own death penalty laws have become uncertain. On Dec. 15, 2006, Gov. Jeb Bush ordered that a moratorium be placed on all state executions until the newly created Commission on Administration of

Lethal Injection can further investigate the methods used for administering lethal injections. The order was the result of a botched execution earlier that week in Tampa in which a man sentenced to lethal injection took 34 minutes to die.

Still, some students disagreed with Bedau's remarks.

Senior Angela Willis, president of criminal justice fraternity Lambda Alpha Epsilon, said she felt students enjoyed hearing what Bedau had to say.

"I don't really agree with him, but he's very, very educated," she said. "He's a very good person to learn from about the other side."

Overall, however, Griset said that hearing Bedau's speech was a moving experience.

"Dr. Bedau is probably the most respected person in the world on capital punishment," she said. "It was a wonderful opportunity for students and faculty to hear firsthand from the premier scholar in the field of capital punishment."

Bedau's presentation on Monday was the first in a two-part series planned by the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies. The second installment is planned for March 22 and will feature a debate between UCF professor Robert Bohm and Robert Blecker, visiting professor from New York Law School.

Following the debate, Blecker will show a documentary comparing life in maximum security settings and life on death row. The debate will take place in the Fairwinds Alumni Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

Students looking for more information should call 407-823-2603.

Physical Plant breaks ground on mall

FROM A1

a sense of community, and it provides a place for activities and socializing. I'm jealous that I already graduated," said Katy MacDonald, who graduated with a digital media degree in December.

The first phase of the mall was completed a few years ago — the lawn now between Classroom I and Health and Public Affairs I. The Physical Plant still has to construct two grassy areas that will terrace down toward Gemini Boulevard.

However, the remaining section that stretches to the street has been serving as a parking lot, complete with soil cement, lime rock and shell that were put down to keep the area stable for cars to maneuver on.

Physical Plant employees must dig 8 to 10 inches to remove all the stabilizing materials, which will be replaced with fill for the grass and plants. A storm sewer system will be put down next, and then the area will be set into grade and grass planted.

Paradise hopes for the majority of the work to be complete by the end of May or beginning of June.

The grass, he said, needs two months to establish itself before people are allowed to use it. A May deadline would allow about three months before football season starts and students come for the fall semester.

The oak trees won't have to go in until June or July, while power and lighting will be done by the earlier May deadline.

The budget for the mall project is set at \$1 million and is part of the larger \$250 million Convocation Center project.

"It sounds nice. It would be a big draw," said Brandon Hill, who is considering attending UCF after taking some time off. "There are lots of reasons to live out there [by UCF] as far as closeness to actually taking classes, but I think a lot of people end up not staying because there's more to do on the other side of town."

Paradise has hopes for how students will use the new area, but "what the students do with the mall is up to them," he said. He plans for the UCF mall to be unique from other universities.

"The mall is a big process," Paradise said, "because it has such a big impact."

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schedule

BASEBALL

MARYLAND

FEB. 16 - FEB. 18

Baseball hosts a three game series starting tonight against the Maryland Terrapins. Tonight's and Saturday's game will be at 4 p.m. Sunday's game will have a 1 p.m. start.

SOFTBALL

UNLV LOUISVILLE SLUGGER DESERT CLASSIC

FEB. 16 - FEB. 18

Softball heads to Nevada to take part in the UNLV tournament. The Knights will play UCLA and UNLV tonight. On Saturday they will face Colorado State and Seton Hall and Sunday they will square off against Oklahoma State.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MEMPHIS

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

3 P.M. (AWAY)

The Knights head to Memphis to take on the Tigers. The Tigers are winless in Conference USA and 3-23 overall. In their last meeting UCF came away with a 77-62 win.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RICE

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

8 P.M. (AWAY)

After a disappointing loss to Tulane on Wednesday, the Knights travel to Houston to take on an Owl team they beat 72-67 in Orlando on Jan. 20. Rice and UCF are currently tied for third in the C-USA standings.

MEN'S TENNIS

UTAH

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

10 A.M. (HOME)

The Knights are set to host Utah Sunday after their most recent loss, 6-1 to Miami on Sunday.

MEN'S GOLF

MERCEDES BENZ INVITATIONAL

FEB. 18-FEB. 20

After playing poorly in the Gator Invitational, the Knights head to Ponte Verda Beach for the three-day tournament.

Green Wave drowns Knights

Men's basketball drops to 18-7

CHRIS HOYLER
Senior Staff Writer

UCF essentially erased all the positive things it had done since the loss to Memphis on Jan. 31, blowing a double-digit lead on the road and losing to Tulane on Wednesday evening 86-80 at the Fogelman Arena in New Orleans.

"Our energy and our intensity level on the road was not where it needed to be," UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said in the post-game radio interview. "They came out and played harder than we did. They got all the loose balls, and certainly you look at the stats from a defensive standpoint, they shot 69 percent (in the second half), they scored 54 points in a half, and even though we scored 80, you are not going to win a ballgame with that."

The Golden Knights had a 10-point lead with 2:17 remaining in the first half after Lavell Payne put home a layup. But they did not come out with a strong start to the second half, and the Tulane frontcourt that Speraw praised after

Saturday's win over Marshall started to dominate.

David Gomez, the team's leading scorer entering the game, had three fouls in the first half and was rendered a non-factor with just two points. But he scored the first six points for Tulane in the second half, and his finish off a pass from Daniel Puckett gave the Green Wave their first lead of the second half at 51-50.

The Knights showed flashes of life after that, answering Tulane's 17-5 run to take a 57-56 lead, but they were hampered when guard Mike O'Donnell was forced to sit for a stretch after rolling his right ankle and Payne and Jermaine Taylor picked up their fourth fouls, leaving them on the bench during crucial stretches.

"We got in foul trouble with Lavell or Jermaine, don't get minutes out of those guys," Speraw

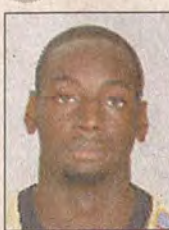
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UCF head coach Kirk Speraw said that the Golden Knights lacked "energy and intensity" in their 86-80 loss at Tulane on Wednesday.



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Position:
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vs. Tulane:

Payne lead UCF with 23 points, going 9-for-12 from the field on Wednesday.

GAME QUICK TAKE

Foul play :

Lavell Payne and Jermaine Taylor both fouled out against Tulane, part of the Golden Knights' 25 personal fouls on the night. Both played less 20 minutes.

Make it rain :

The Tulane Green Wave shot 7-for-14 from 3-point range, led by guards Kevin Sims, 3-for-4, and Chris Moore, 3-for-5. All the shots that Sims made were from 3-point range.

FLORIDA SPORTS WRAP

Howard's 20 points help Magic to win over Portland

TRAVIS REED
Associated Press

ORLANDO — In just his third NBA season, Dwight Howard is putting up strong numbers that place him in good company.

Howard capped the last game before his first All-Star appearance with 20 points and 16 rebounds on 8-for-12 shooting in Orlando's 103-91 win Wednesday over the Portland Trail Blazers. It gave him an 81 percent field goal mark over the last five games, 10th best in NBA history behind eight Wilt Chamberlain performances and one stretch from Bob Hanson.

His numbers looked even better before Wednesday. Howard's .846 field goal percentage in the past four outings was third-best in history behind two Chamberlain spans.

"It's a great honor," the 21-year-old said. "I'll just keep playing my game."

Hedo Turkoglu shook off a recent illness with 24 points for Orlando. Darko Milicic added a career-high 21 points and eight rebounds, and Carlos Arroyo had 15 points and a season-high seven assists.

The win kept the Magic (27-26) one game over .500 heading into the All-Star break, and capped Portland's four-game East Coast road trip at 2-2.

Orlando took control in the second quarter, finishing the first half on an 18-4 run for a 52-39 half-

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Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard drives past Joel Przybilla during the first half of the Magic's 103-91 win Wednesday night. Howard had 20 points and 16 rebounds, 14 on the defensive end. The win put the Magic at 27-26 before the All-Star game, in which Howard will be appearing.

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AROUND C-USA

Southern Mississippi blows out E. Carolina 80-42

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Jeremy Wise scored 18 points and hit all of his three 3-point attempts to lead Southern Miss to a convincing 80-42 win over ECU on Wednesday night.

Wise also tallied five assists as Southern Miss led from the tipoff, opening up a 47-22 lead at halftime and extending the margin to as many as 43 in the second half.

Andre Stephens added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Golden Eagles, and Jarvis Hill contributed 12 points off the bench.

The Golden Eagles (16-8 overall, 6-5 Conference USA) shot 56 percent from the field, including 53 percent from 3-point range, while the Pirates shot just 33 percent. Southern Miss also finished with a 45-21 rebounding advantage.

East Carolina (5-19 overall, 0-11 C-USA) remains winless in conference play. Courtney Capitan led the Pirates with 13 points. Darrell Jenkins added 12.

Marshall 52, SMU 49

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Mark Dorris scored 14 points

and Markel Humphrey notched a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds as Marshall outlasted SMU 52-49 Wednesday in a defensive struggle.

Chris Ross also scored 11 points and added five assists for Marshall (10-15 overall, 5-6 C-USA).

Ike Ofoegbu led SMU (13-12 overall, 2-9 C-USA) with 18 points and 16 rebounds, both game highs, but he was the only Mustang in double figures as the team shot just 28 percent.

After trailing by eight at the midway point of the second

half, Marshall kept SMU without a field goal over a nine-minute stretch until Ofoegbu's layup with 30 seconds left.

Following the layup, SMU got a pair of Marshall turnovers and a 3-pointer by Brian Epps to cut the Thundering Herd's lead to 51-49. A Dorris free throw pushed the lead to three before a 3-point attempt by Dez Williams bounced out at the buzzer to preserve the win for the Thundering Herd.

PLEASE SEE **MEMPHIS** ON A7

Knights prep for 3 games at home

Baseball to welcome Maryland Terrapins

BRIAN MURPHY
Senior Staff Writer

The UCF Baseball team will look to carry the momentum they gained on Sunday in their victory over Texas Christian University when they face Maryland for a three-game series starting tonight.

After being overpowered in the first two games of the series against TCU, the Golden Knights rallied from a 6-1 deficit, scoring seven unanswered runs to beat the No. 15 Horned Frogs 8-6.

The Knights are only 2-3 on the season, but with the schedule that they have coming up, UCF coach Jay Bergman is just happy to see progress.

"I think the difference is that you finish this week not being 1-4 and being 2-3," he said after Sunday's game. "We are going to play Maryland next week and then [Louisiana State University] the next week; you're not going to sweep those people."

Teams always look forward to matching up against perennial contenders like LSU, but the Knights must first take care of business this week against the Terrapins (2-1).

Maryland lost its season-opening game against Winthrop, but they rebounded with wins over Gardner-Webb and Creighton.

The team's offensive star so far is junior outfielder Nick Jowers. He is 4-for-8 this season and recorded career-highs with three hits and four RBIs in the win over Creighton. Jowers leads the team with five RBIs this year and has one of the Terrapins' two home runs.

On the mound, the Terrapins were very solid as their three starting pitchers allowed nine hits combined in the three games. No pitcher in the entire Atlantic Coast Conference was as good as junior Kevin Biringer.

Biringer took the mound on Sunday in just his second career start, and responded by retiring the first nine batters he faced

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Knights can't hold lead against resilient Tulane team

FROM A6

said in the radio interview. "[O'Donnell] and Pep are banged up, we are trying to figure if they can play, but we just have to play through it and figure out how to get stops, and tonight we couldn't figure it out."

It was a tough situation for Payne, who left the game with UCF up seven and returned with his team down by three. He finished with a game-high 23 points, but played only 19 minutes due to the foul problems.

"He gets 23 points in 19 minutes, killing them on the inside," Speraw said in the radio inter-

view. "He gets a couple of calls in a situation that was unnecessary, one at the top of the key and one inbound the basketball, which I don't know what that was about."

UCF continued to turn the ball over, and the second to last one of the night led to a turn-around jumper for Puckett, which put Tulane up 60-57. That basket was the beginning of a game-clinching 10-0 run for the Green Wave. For the night, UCF had 17 turnovers.

In the first half, UCF jumped out to a 9-4 lead early after a Josh Peppers 3-pointer, but Tulane pushed the ball up court on every possession. This created a

quick strike offense that, combined with UCF turnovers, led to a 7-0 run and an 11-9 Tulane lead after Peppers had a pass stolen and finished by Donnie Stith.

The half continued at that pace, with the teams trading leads until the Knights converted two transition buckets to open up a six-point lead.

O'Donnell started a 3-on-1 that was finished with a Josh Peppers dunk, and on the next possession O'Donnell made a half-court pass to Taylor, who finished with a dunk to give UCF a 26-20 lead and force Tulane head coach Dave Dickerson to call a timeout.

One of the more interesting developments of the first half occurred late, when Speraw went with the small lineup of O'Donnell, Taylor, Dave Noel, Chip Cartwright and Payne. The Knights, who had four turnovers in the first 2:30 of the game, were able to control the ball with the lineup and get the ball inside to Payne, who finished with 13 first-half points.

The half ended with UCF in possession after a Matt Wheaton 3-pointer cut the Knights lead back to six. Taylor attempted a drive with 10 seconds remaining, but was rejected. Peppers was there to pick up the loose ball and hit a bucket as the shot clock

expired, and Kevin Sims ensuing desperation shot was no good, giving the Knights a 40-32 advantage at halftime.

With the loss, UCF falls to 18-7 and 7-4 in Conference USA. The win pushes Tulane over the .500 mark overall at 12-11, though they are still under .500 in C-USA at 5-6.

The Golden Knights return to action Saturday evening at 8 p.m. when they travel to Houston to take on the Rice Owls. Rice is also 7-4 in the conference after a loss at UAB on Wednesday and is tied with the Knights for third place.

"We have to go stop Morris Almond and the entire team at

Rice, which is a tough task," Speraw said in the radio interview. "There are different time periods during a season when you go through a lull, and your energy drops a little bit. We've gone through a stretch here for five straight weeks where we brought energy, and now, starting with Marshall, I just thought we didn't have the energy. We got away with it at home, but you can't on the road. We've got to get better mentally; coach them better, coach them harder and focus more on the game than we did tonight."

The game against Rice will not be televised, but WQTM 740-AM will have the action.

Orlando jumps above .500 before the All-Star break

FROM A6

time lead. Milicic scored seven of those points in a 1:01 span, while Arroyo had six points and set up Howard for an alley-oop.

"They made a lot of shots, and we just ran out of a little gas," Portland rookie Brandon Roy said.

Turkoglu, who totaled eight points in Orlando's last two outings while battling flu-like symptoms, scored nine in the first quarter. He had the Magic's first three second-half buckets, providing a 59-42 edge that widened to 21 points at the start of the fourth quarter.

"I got some rest, and I'm feeling good right now," Turkoglu said.

Trail Blazers forward Zach Randolph had 28 points and 10 rebounds in his final pre-All-Star game argument for why he should've made the team. Randolph is averaging 24 points and 10 rebounds, and felt Portland's 22-32 record hurt his chances. He struggled the last two games against the Miami Heat and Washington Wizards with a combined 27 points on 10-for-30 shooting.

No. 8 Memphis dominates Tulsa

FROM A6

UAB 83, Rice 74

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Lawrence Kinnard scored 21 points and Wen Mukubu added 20 to lead UAB to an 83-74 victory over Rice Wednesday night.

Paul Delaney III scored 15 points and Mukubu added 10 rebounds, eight assists and three steals for UAB (13-12 overall, 5-6 C-USA).

Morris Almond scored 28 points to lead Rice (13-11 overall, 7-4 C-USA). Cory Pflieger scored 17 points, and Lorenzo Williams had 10 points and seven assists for the Owls.

UAB led 38-35 at halftime, but Rice got off to a quick start in the second half. Almond hit a jump shot in the lane and Pflieger hit two 3-pointers to help Rice take a 51-44 lead.

UAB used strong inside play to come back. Freshman reserve center Jeremy Mayfield scored three straight baskets inside to spark a 13-2 Blazer run. Two inside baskets by Frank Holmes and a 3-point play by Mukubu gave UAB a 57-53 lead.

The Blazers went on to lead by as many as 13 points. Rice pulled to within 75-66

with two minutes left on a 3-pointer by Williams. But the Owls could get no closer as Delaney, Mukubu and Kinnard combined to hit seven free throws down the stretch.

South Alabama 66, Houston 61

HOUSTON — Carlos Smith's 3-pointer with 2:56 left helped South Alabama win its 13th straight game, a 66-61 win over Houston on Wednesday night.

Smith finished with a team-high 15 points for the Jaguars (20-7), who have not lost a game since falling at Western Kentucky, 73-51, on Dec. 22.

Smith made 5-of-8 shots from the floor and played a team-high 35 minutes to help offset an off night by Demetric Bennett, who scored just eight points on 2-for-11 shooting.

Houston (13-11 overall, 7-3 C-USA) took a 57-55 lead with 3:55 left in the game when Robert McKiver hit one of his five 3-pointers.

But the Jaguars answered quickly as Ernest Little made an easy basket followed by Smith's 3-pointer that gave the Jaguars the lead for good.

Little finished with 11 points and nine rebounds, and

Brandon Davis added 12 points.

Jahmar Thorpe scored 19 points and added a game-high 13 rebounds for the Cougars, who saw their five-game home winning streak end.

Memphis 69, Tulsa 52

TULSA, Okla. — Chris Douglas-Roberts was none too happy after his first try for a steal was immediately taken away.

Douglas-Roberts came right back for two quick steals to help Memphis (No. 9 ESPN/USA Today; No. 8 AP) pull away for a 69-52 win against Tulsa (15-9 overall, 5-6 C-USA) on Wednesday night.

The sophomore guard ended up with 20 points and tied his career-high with four steals, and Antonio Anderson returned from an injury to score 15 points as the Tigers (22-3 overall, 12-0 C-USA) clinched a bye in the Conference USA tournament.

Next up for the Tigers is a game at Gonzaga on Saturday.

Memphis led by at least nine in the second half en route to its 14th straight win.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

Houck's first 2007 start to come today

FROM A6

before allowing a leadoff single in the fourth inning.

That was the only base runner that Biringer allowed in his five innings of work. On Monday, he was named the ACC Pitcher of the Week. He is scheduled to start Sunday's game.

Junior reliever Brett Cecil set a school record with his 16th career save on Saturday in the Terps' 12-inning victory over Creighton, 1-0. Cecil, who saved 13 games in 2006, was named to the preseason Roger Clemens Award watch list and selected as a second team All-American by Baseball America.

While the Terrapins plan to use the same three starting pitchers from last weekend's series, the Knights' rotation is a revolving door. Sophomore Kyle Sweat got the ball in series-opening games against Florida International and TCU. But after a rough outing against the Horned Frogs, sophomore Mitch Houck will get the start on Friday.

This will be Houck's first

start of the year, but he is familiar with the situation. Houck started 11 games last year. Although he finished with a 3-4 record, Houck was overpowering at times.

In consecutive starts against Stetson and South Florida, Houck allowed just five hits in 17 innings and recorded 19 strikeouts.

On Saturday, sophomore Mitch Herold will start after throwing four shutout innings in Sunday's win over TCU that allowed the Knights to come back for the win.

Junior Jaeger Good earned the win in that game after recording the final four outs. He will pitch Sunday against Biringer.

The Knights and Terrapins will meet for the first time on Friday. Due to cold temperatures that have been forecasted in Orlando this weekend, the start times for Friday's and Saturday's game have been moved up from 6:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday's contest will begin at 1 p.m. All games will take place at Jay Bergman Field.

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only original member
left, but you didn't
know who the other
guys were, did you?

In an awards season with so many shoo-ins,
the Best Picture race remains wide open

WILLIAM GOSS

Staff Writer

With a surprisingly generous spread of nominations, this year's Academy Awards appears to be either open or shut, depending on just which envelopes are being opened come Feb. 25.

•Best Picture:

Every nominee has had either a backlash or a handicap by now, so the award really is up for grabs. As with *Capote* last year, voters will have to decide if *The Queen* (in theaters) is more than just a showcase for a great performance.

Sharing the love of crowds and critics would be *The Departed* and *Little Miss Sunshine* (both available on DVD), and *Letters from Iwo Jima* (in theaters), while overwhelmingly considered superior to its counterpart, still earns leverage for being part of a larger vision.

However, given last year's *Crash* upset, let us not underestimate the contrived sermon that was *Babel* (on DVD Tuesday).

Should Win: Either *Children of Men* or *United 93*. Oh, wait...

Will Win: How's that ditty about your guess and mine go again?

•Best Director:

United 93's Paul Greengrass

finds himself rightfully recognized, but he shares a back seat with *Babel*'s Alejandro González Iñárritu and *The Queen*'s Stephen Frears as the Academy determines who it owes more: the overdue Martin Scorsese or the over-achieving Clint Eastwood.

Should Win: Greengrass.
Will Win: Scorsese.

•Best Actor:

Leonardo DiCaprio, Ryan Gosling and Will Smith can take turns twiddling their thumbs as Peter O'Toole and Forest Whitaker duel. The former's sole advantage is the fact that Hollywood may not get another chance to recognize one of its greats.

Should Win: Either O'Toole or Whitaker.

Will Win: Call it in the air.

•Best Actress:

Penelope Cruz, Judi Dench, Meryl Streep and Kate Winslet can keep the guys company while waiting for Helen Mirren to collect her prize.

For their sake, hope that someone's gift bag came with a deck of cards.

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The Academy Awards, affectionately called the Oscars, have been presented annually (the first awards ceremony was held in May of 1929) by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, a non profit organization based in Beverly Hills, Calif., and founded in 1927.

79th ACADEMY AWARDS

Performance by an actor in a leading role
Leonardo DiCaprio - *BLOOD DIAMOND*
Ryan Gosling - *HALF NELSON*
Peter O'Toole - *VENUS*
Will Smith - *THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS*
Forest Whitaker - *THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND*

Performance by an actor in a supporting role
Alan Arkin - *LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE*
Jackie Earle Haley - *LITTLE CHILDREN*
Djimon Hounsou - *BLOOD DIAMOND*
Eddie Murphy - *DREAMGIRLS*
Mark Wahlberg - *THE DEPARTED*

Performance by an actress in a leading role
Penélope Cruz - *VOLVER*
Judi Dench - *NOTES ON A SCANDAL*
Helen Mirren - *THE QUEEN*
Meryl Streep - *THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA*
Kate Winslet - *LITTLE CHILDREN*

Performance by an actress in a supporting role
Adriana Barraza - *BABEL*
Cate Blanchett - *NOTES ON A SCANDAL*
Abigail Breslin - *LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE*
Jennifer Hudson - *DREAMGIRLS*
Rinko Kikuchi - *BABEL*

Best animated feature film of the year
CARS
HAPPY FEET
MONSTER HOUSE

Achievement in art direction
DREAMGIRLS
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
PAN'S LABYRINTH
PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST
THE PRESTIGE

Achievement in cinematography
THE BLACK DAHLIA
CHILDREN OF MEN
THE ILLUSIONIST
PAN'S LABYRINTH
THE PRESTIGE

Achievement in costume design
CURSE OF THE GOLDEN FLOWER
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA
DREAMGIRLS
MARIE ANTOINETTE
THE QUEEN

Achievement in directing
BABEL
THE DEPARTED
LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA
THE QUEEN
UNITED 93

Best documentary feature
DELIVER US FROM EVIL
AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH
IRAQ IN FRAGMENTS
JESUS CAMP
MY COUNTRY, MY COUNTRY

Best documentary short subject
THE BLOOD OF YINGZHOU DISTRICT
RECYCLED LIFE
REHEARSING A DREAM
TWO HANDS

Achievement in film editing
BABEL
BLOOD DIAMOND
CHILDREN OF MEN
THE DEPARTED
UNITED 93

Best foreign language film of the year
AFTER THE WEDDING
DAYS OF GLORY (INDIGÈNES)
THE LIVES OF OTHERS
PAN'S LABYRINTH
WATER

Achievement in makeup
APOCALYPTO
CLICK
PAN'S LABYRINTH

Achievement in music written for motion pictures (Original song)
"I Need to Wake Up" - *AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH*
"Listen" - *DREAMGIRLS*
"Love You I Do" - *DREAMGIRLS*
"Our Town" - *CARS*
"Patience" - *DREAMGIRLS*

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— Listings for Friday, Feb. 16

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1. Fall Out Boy / *Infinity on High* / Island
2. Bloc Party / *A Weekend in the City* / Vice
3. Bayside / *Walking Wounded / Victory*
4. John Mayer / *Village Sessions* / Columbia
5. The Shins / *Wincing the Night Away* / Sub Pop

CONVENTION

MegaCon not just a gathering of geeks

ABEER ABDALLA
Staff Writer

The 2007 MegaCon, or "Con" to its most devoted, is a mega-convention that will host over 100 vendors, dozens of gaming installations and a who's who of personalities from the mediums of science fiction, fantasy, comic books, anime, video games and digital media at the Orange County Convention Center Feb. 16 - 18.

UCF students take pride in their participation, preparing months in advance for events

like this.

Graphic design major Austin Otocky, 19, of Boynton Beach has attended MegaCon four years in a row. He sees his participation as an opportunity to make friends and connections and learn about the new techniques, characters, art and design in the anime community.

"Honestly, I try to treat these conventions as little vacations," Otocky said. "Even though I live in Orlando, I will still be staying in a hotel room at the convention.

"This is because everything that happens there stays in its own world. Yes, once in a while, I will meet a friend at a Con that I will talk to in my 'regular life,' but they will still be 'that person I met at [the Con.]"

Not all participants are as vocal about their involvement in "cons."

Daniel Fischesser, 19, of West Palm Beach is a casual fan who plays the occasional video game and enjoys the opportunities to see the celebrity panels as well as the wellspring of vendors and dealers.

Fischesser, a UCF computer engineering major, first attended MegaCon last year, and while he said it wasn't his favorite, it was still amazing.

"I watch anime at home, discuss it with friends and play the occasional video game," Fischesser said. "My obsession is more of a closet one."

Fischesser, on average, spends \$100 per Con, but other attendees' expenses can range from \$75, including admission and food, to tens of thousands

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SATURDAY FEB. 17

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SUNDAY FEB. 18

9 p.m. **FOX Family Guy**
When a bully takes on Chris, Peter remembers when he was bullied, which turns Peter into a bully himself. Meanwhile, Stewie stays out in the sun too long and falls in love with his new bronze glow.

10 p.m. **Sd-Fi Battlestar Galactica**
Sollons (aka super-sophisticated robots) continue their attack on the remnants of the human race, who are searching for a long lost colony called Earth. This week, two crew members get stuck outside an airlock on Galactica.

MONDAY FEB. 19

9 p.m. **NBC Heroes**
Claire hates her dad (and if you didn't know by now, it's Nathan); Peter gets upset after a betrayal, and a new hero is revealed. This one has "wireless powers." Wonder what that means ...

TUESDAY FEB. 20

8 p.m. **Fox American Idol**
Simon, Randy and Paula serve up heaping helpings of career advice for these *Idol* hopefuls. They made it to Hollywood, but can they make it to the top of the charts? Oh wait, no *Idols* can do that — none save Kelly Clarkson.

WEDNESDAY FEB. 21

8 p.m. **NBC Friday Night Lights**
No one should miss this episode titled, "I think we should have sex." If that doesn't tell you what this week's episode is about, we don't know what will.

THURSDAY FEB. 22

9 p.m. **FOX The O.C.**
It's all over for this one-time media darling turned cliché nighttime soap. Six months after an earthquake rocked Newport, we find Taylor at a seamstress. So long *O.C.*, see you in syndication.

— COMPILED BY CORINNE SCHULER

MUSIC

Rock, cowbell showdown

AMANDA K. SHAPIRO
Staff Writer

If you've got a fever, and the only prescription is more cowbell, the new album from The Showdown is your long-awaited medicine.

Their new release, *Temptation Come My Way*, tacks on a Southern twist with subtle tinges of cowbell in most of the songs.

Temptation Come My Way is compelling, taking the downfalls experienced by the band's members and turning them into relatable stories. Uplifting guitar solos guide listeners from track to track, fusing elements of mainstream rock with Christian metal.

The Showdown sound like the illegitimate love child of 3 Doors Down and Iron Maiden. Some of the blame may lay in their production team, which



The Showdown
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included Paul Ebersold, best known for his work with 3 Doors Down and Saliva.

Much like the band's last

PLEASE SEE **THE SHOWDOWN** ON A11

CONCERT

At 57, Billy Joel's still got it

BRITTANY CURRIER
Contributing Writer

Although Billy Joel is almost 60 years old, you would never have believed it after witnessing him in action at his Amway Arena concert Saturday.

Dancing around the stage and singing with the passion that has made him a fan favorite for decades, Joel had the crowd on its feet from the moment he sat at his piano until after his final bow.

Sophomore biological sciences major Ross Coven, who has been a Joel fan since his parents introduced him to the music, jumped at the chance to go to the concert.

"I've heard that his concerts are once-in-a-lifetime, and I couldn't resist," he said. "The concert was one of the best experiences of my life. If I ever have a chance to see him again,

I would with no hesitation."

For over two hours, Joel wowed the sold-out arena with such hits as "Big Shot," "Movin' Out (Anthony's Song)" and "Only the Good Die Young," as well as some less-known songs like "All About Soul" and the jazzy "Zanzibar."

He even entertained the crowd with his sense of humor, particularly by making fun of his age. He introduced himself as "Billy's dad" and said that he was just out warming up the crowd for his son.

He also made a mildly obscene joke about his baldness that had the audience roaring with laughter.

"He is amazing on the piano and really funny," junior journalism major Hedy Phillips said.

One of the highlights of the

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Last issue solved

Solution and new puzzles in next issue's Classifieds

Surprises are unlikely at 2007 Oscars

FROM A8

Should Win: As terrific as Dench and Winslet were, Mirren really does deserve it.

Will Win: Take a wild guess.

•Best Supporting Actor:
The backlash du jour: box-office champ **Norbit** might damage **Eddie Murphy's** chances (not to mention viewers' retinas). If so, **Alan Arkin** and **Jackie Earle Haley** will duke it out while **Mark Wahlberg** wonders if he cursed nearly enough to leave an impression.
Same goes for **Djimon Hounsou** and yelling.
Should Win: Arkin or Haley.
Will Win: If anything, Arkin shares O'Toole's tick-tock advantage.

•Best Supporting Actress:
Adriana Barraza, **Abigail Breslin** and **Rinko Kikuchi** are just happy to be here and secretly hoping that **Cate Blanchett** might upset the unstoppable yet ironically one-note **Jennifer Hudson**.
Should Win: Blanchett.
Will Win: Hudson.

Women, casual fans find niches at sci-fi conventions

FROM A9

of dollars to include travel, specialty merchandise and ornate and detailed theme costuming. Conventions aren't gender specific.

UCF marketing major **Tiffany Rowsell**, 22, of Jupiter

is a self-proclaimed convention addict. **MegaCon** was her first formal convention for anime; after which, she was hooked.

"[People think] that everyone who attends is an 'Otaku' — a guy who spends the vast majority of his time getting a

blue-screen-computer tan, has more acne than points in his IQ and has never talked to a female of his own species in his whole life, not to mention has a fetish for cartoon girls with cat ears," Rowsell said.

The cliches about conven-

tion attendees continue to amuse her year after year.

"Most guys who attend have not only spoken to a girl but actually dated one," Rowsell said.

"The people who attend conventions, though they

could bathe more often, are usually fairly nice, though shy and into their own niche of culture."

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'Piano Man' appealed to young and old alike

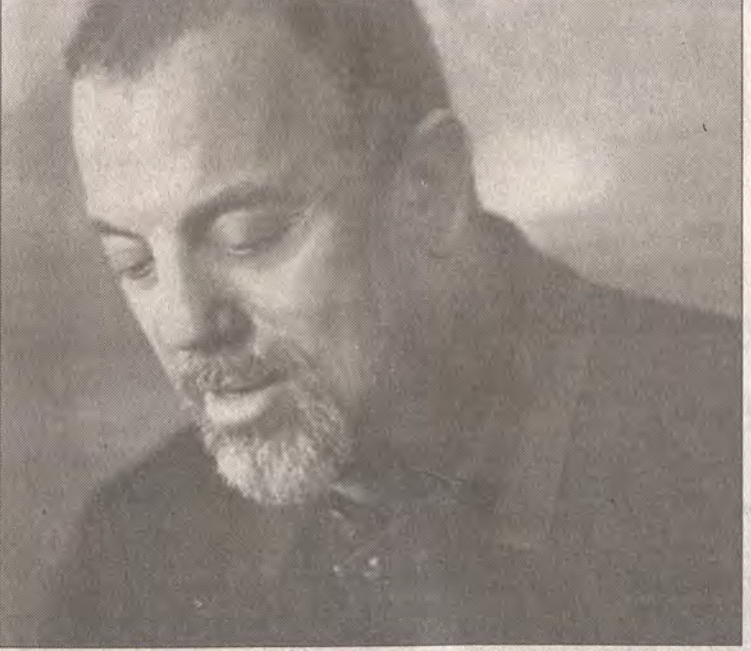
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show didn't even involve Joel, but his roadie **Chainsaw**, who has been with the band for 20 years. His rousing rendition of AC/DC's "Highway to Hell" had even the most uptight-looking older women on their feet, pumping their fists.

The evening ended with Joel's most well-known song, "Piano Man."

"But of course the last song of the night was 'Piano Man,' and it gave me goose bumps when every single person in the Amway Arena was singing along," junior radio and television major **Sasha Hausman** said. "It is the ultimate karaoke song, and for sure, everyone knew it."

Hausman was amazed at how one artist can appeal to so many different age groups. She had floor seats, and a couple in their 60s sat in the row in front of her, and a family with young



57-year-old Billy Joel is still singing his hits and his newer material. Joel rocked the Amway Arena on Saturday, ending the sold-out show with his 5-minute opus 'Piano Man.'

children sat behind her. She said, "We were all singing along, and I think it made it so

much more fun that no matter what age you were, everyone just loved the music!"

The Showdown mixes metal, singable lyrics

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release, **Temptation Come My Way** is melodically catchy. The album's lyrics are razor sharp; each line impresses itself on the listener.

Another striking feature of this metal album is the fact that you can understand the words. The vocals are not masked by distorted guitars and blaring bands.

One of the highlights of the album is the cover of **Kansas' "Carry on Wayward Son."** Anyone who can turn a classic rock ballad into a metal masterpiece deserve a couple of cool points.

Temptation Come My Way blends multiple genres, providing a little something for

everyone. The Showdown's music has been described as the brutal but honest voice for youth. Their reputation is also backed by the fact that they've shared the stage with the likes of **Underoath**, **As I Lay Dying** and **Flyleaf**.

The album will be released Feb. 20 on **Mono Vs Stereo** records.

You can catch The Showdown Feb. 25 in Jacksonville, where the Tennessee veterans will be making a pit stop on their tour for a CD-release show.

For more information on the band, visit their MySpace Web site.

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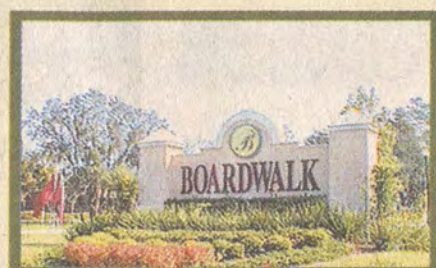
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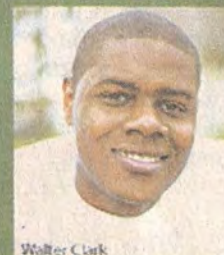


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